

INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2006

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Indianapolis Post # 52, with the following members in attendance:

Captain John Clawson (Acting Chairman for Major Ray Benn)	
Captain Doug Shelton	Mike Dearing
Sheriff Tom Debaun	Don Kottowski
Chief Timothy Viles	Lenora Price (Michael Paxton proxy)
Linda Adams	Mary Ellen Scheiber
Jamie Bogan	John Wall

Advisory members present: Sergeant John Richards

OPENING COMMENTS

Chairman Clawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

The Chairman gave an update on Major Benn who had been diagnosed with colon cancer and had surgery on the previous Wednesday. The surgery went well, the prognosis is good and it appears they got it all and there are no other issues. He is recuperating at IU Hospital in Indianapolis. At this time, he is not ready to receive visitors or be receiving phone calls. When he is ready, we will send an email out to "ISP Everyone", but your thoughts and prayers from everyone would be appreciated.

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2006 MEETING

Being there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, a motion was made by Chief Viles and seconded by Linda Adams that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Lenora Price gave an update on the BMV/STARS Project. Basically the switch has been completed to accommodate the BMV. There is currently a lot of testing underway to ensure that the changes are correct and are working. Michael Paxton stayed behind to work on those updates.

On the Omnixx Upgrade the hardware is currently being installed. We have not yet installed the operating system to accommodate that so it is still “on hold”, barring changes to the BMV Project, to get it up and running by the end of the month.

Chairman Clawson commented that in respect to the BMV/STARS; he had attended a couple of Area Meetings and one of the things discussed was regarding the driver license checks and they would not be able to get a full drivers history return on the DQ, it would be an abbreviated return and then another transaction would need to be run to get the full history. From the meetings he has attended, everyone is of the opinion; they want to see the full driver’s history return. There was agreement from the audience. The information returned to the officer may be points and status, which is what they were modifying it to, but the full return is needed and we are going to modify that. He has talked to Michael Paxton and Lenora Price about it and when the inquiry is made now, it will be a full return, basically as it is now.

Michael Dearing stated the update on the new Terminal Agency Agreements is in the Legal Section of the Indiana State Police for review. This Agreement is going to be more detailed than the old Agreement and will be based on the CJIS Security Policy and the current Omnixx CPI system capabilities. In the Agreement, agencies will be required to submit a diagram of your system and any time the system is upgraded or changed for any reason, we will need a new revised diagram. There are security issues that you may need to contact your vendor about if you have mobile data’s, or if your vendor is other than Omnixx. When approval or changes are made on it, a copy will go to the IDACS Committee, for their review and approval. Hopefully this will be ready by September 1st. We will be getting new Sheriff’s and new agency heads with the elections, so it will be January before it will be mailed out. Your current Agreement will suffice. Some of you will be glad to learn, the statement “will indemnify the state,” that all the attorneys or judges had issues with, has been removed.

NEW BUSINESS

IDACS Committee Chairman Report

New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved

After receiving favorable recommendations from the System Security Officers and the System Coordinator, the following additional terminals and new terminal agencies have been approved. (Refer to the listings that were handed out due to the number involved).

Terminal Operators Approved

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved twenty-seven (27) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

IDACS Coordinator Report

NCIC has some changes that will be effective September 1, 2006 and most of the changes will affect the end user.

1. Wanted Person File entry criteria changed to allow non-serious and misdemeanor offenses and will involve the creation of four (4) new inquiry message keys.
2. They will create a caveat for Boat Records with non-conforming boat hull numbers.
3. They are going to discontinue the use of ownership data field in NCIC Vehicle and Boat Files. We will need to do some programming on our side.
4. They will send Purge Notifications when NCIC Article File Records for stolen credentials have reached the end of their retention period. This is so you will know to review your report and see if you want to re-enter it.
5. Discontinue purging NCIC Wanted Person File Records upon receipt of a second "Locate" transaction. Sounds like to him they will essentially do away with the Detainer File. That doesn't mean they will take it out.

These are the changes that you will see coming up in September.

IDACS Security Officer's Reports

Sgt. John Richards reported one (1) agency with a violation; ISP Lowell for no documentation and a five (5) month entry delay on the record.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Area I Jamalyn Bogan – They held their meeting on April 26th, there were twenty-five (25) people attending from thirteen (13) agencies. They discussed the IDACS Newsletter and IDACS Trainer Kelly Dignin was attending and answered any questions. They also held their elections and she was re-elected for two (2) years.

Area II Mary Ellen Scheiber –They met on April 18th at Notre Dame with twenty-seven (27) present from eighteen (18) agencies represented. The State Police representative answered questions and there were concerns about the added screen, but I can take back the good news to them.

Area III Linda Adams – We had fourteen (14) in attendance on April 8th. It was difficult to find so we were lucky to have that many, it was in Evansville. We had Sgt. John Richards, IDACS Trainer Troy Scott and Captain John Clawson in attendance and we discussed a number of things there were some questions about. We will have a Fall meeting, but it is not scheduled. A new Area Representative was elected and his name is Brian Maxwell, from Pike County.

Area IV John Wall –May 5th was their meeting at State Police Versailles, they had eighteen (18) present for the meeting. The Area Trainer, Debbie Cook was there and Security Officer John Richards. Debbie gave a nice presentation on some of the upcoming things and some of the files and John gave us some information also. We had a discussion, with some questions answered that we were interested in having answered. Before we adjourned, he invited everyone to attend the IDACS Committee meetings.

Area V Not represented at this time, but the new Area IV Representative, Ken Wilson of Indianapolis Police Department, is in attendance. He gave a brief report of the meeting at the IPD Training Academy, at which he was just elected. Captain Clawson, Sergeant Richards, Debbie Cook and Troy Scott attended. Their next meeting will be October 10th at the IPD Training Academy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Clawson stated they are working to put a document together for Agency Heads, for those who will be Area Representatives or IDACS Coordinators. We have experienced that someone was an Area Representative and the Agency Head was not aware of it. We would like to know that the Agency Head is aware of it and they are in agreement that there are certain requirements, like you need to be at the IDACS meetings and hold the Area meetings as designed. If they are not in support of it, it is difficult to have that person in that position. We will put together something that says you have been elected as Area Rep, for example, and will be the Area Rep. when this document is signed by your Chief or your Sheriff that says they are O.K. with it and understand the responsibilities and duties assigned and what will be required. We are open for suggestions, but this is something we are considering.

Mike Dearing said this would give the Agency Head, hopefully, a little better understanding of the responsibilities that the Agency Coordinator is assuming. In the past, he is not sure the Agency Heads fully understand what the responsibilities are of the Coordinator. The intent will help make the working conditions a little better by understanding what is required and expected from the Coordinator, from the beginning. Remember, a lot of the Agency Heads have no training whatsoever in reference to IDACS.

Sheriff Tom Debaun stated that every four (4) years they have a Sheriff's School. He knows there is a real small section of that touching on IDACS, but he thinks that is one of the things that ought to be emphasized in that school. Unfortunately, you don't get every newly elected Sheriff to show up for this, but most of them do. He knows Chiefs are required to attend a training school at the academy and he assumes that would be a good spot to hit them too. Sometimes there is so much stuff that comes across the desk, not all of it gets read if it is something not of immediate interest to them. If they don't have a communications background, I can understand why it gets shoved aside.

Chief Viles said, if a document is put together; if he can get a copy of it, either faxed or emailed, he will make sure their Association gets it out to members and Sheriff Debaun said he would do the same thing. Chief Viles said speaking for the Chiefs, he does appreciate that because he knows the guys out there get a little busy, so the contact will make it important to know who your Coordinator is, and what their duties are, and make sure they are upholding those duties.

Chairman Clawson thanked them for their support of the project and that Mike Dearingier has been working on putting something together for the document.

He also announced that Mike Dearingier will be retiring soon and they are having him write up documentation of all the many things he takes care of as a reference for whoever takes over his position. Mike has been with the Indiana State Police for thirty-seven (37) years and it is hard to replace that kind of experience.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Captain Shelton of the ISP Records Division talked about a court group called JTAC that is trying to bring technology into the court system. One of the things they are working on is Protective Orders. Right now, when you receive a Protective Order from the court, typically it gets entered by the Sheriff's Department. Sometimes the Order gets sent out to police agencies, which will sometimes enter it, so then you have multiple entries on the same person. The courts are working on trying to get a Grant to explore the Protective Order process. Apparently the state of Connecticut has done something where they have a state system of Protective Orders that is not associated with their system like IDACS/NCIC. It is auto-populated into their system, like our IDACS. He has talked to our legal people about some of the ramifications of that, they are trying to free up the county dispatchers, from having to do that, which is a long way from happening right now, but I know this is something that might be of interest to everybody that may eventually take that responsibility away from the Sheriff's agencies.

Chairman Clawson said that would be huge, because currently state law says that every agency that receives it, has to enter it.

Chief Viles brought up about bail bondsmen going onto the Internet and actually get warrants before the warrants are delivered, like to our agency. Courts are entering a signed warrant and putting it on the Internet and then for a fee you can be a member of that Internet site and that's what the bail bondsmen are doing and they are going around to the last known address or the address on the warrant and leaving a copy of procedure and to contact us and we will bail you out before you get arrested. What they have fallen into is, they went to some houses and found those letters there. If it hasn't reached you yet, (other agencies), it probably will. He will try to get all the information and send it to the Chairman.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There was a question about the Sex Offender Entry, when the subject is in custody on a separate charge. They have the address entered now as the DOC address through their county, so it stays on their side of the Internet string they go through, but doesn't know if that is correct.

Andre' Clark was asked wasn't he working on this issue at the present time? He stated the objective of their meeting is to make sure we are all in agreement throughout the state on sex offender issues. The Department of Corrections is going to assume a great deal of responsibility for registration of sex offenders before they are released from their facilities. They will be registering sex offenders, making sure they are in NCIC as well as the state's Sex Offender Website operated by the Sheriff's Association. He would have a more definite answer in about another week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2006, (10:00 a.m.) at the Indiana State Police Post (D #52), 8500 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN.